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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Mr. Clerk, items on the desk.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. (Read LBs 1131-1148 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, in addition to those items, hearing notices from the Agriculture, Revenue, and Urban Affairs Committee. Senator Synowiecki, an amendment to LB 382 to be printed. New resolution, LR 223 by Senator Schimek. That will be laid over. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 320-324.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We are discussing the Baker amendment, AM2150, to the Revenue Committee amendments to LB 479. On with the discussion, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I was wondering if Senator Bourne would yield to some questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, will you yield?

SENATOR BOURNE: Absolutely.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Bourne. I want to be sensitive to the issues that you've raised and certainly I don't want there to be unintended loopholes and situations that end up getting the state into a financial bind and whatever the case might be. And, also, I want to support Nebraska businesses, and when you said that Nebraska contractors are precluded from building a plant. When you used the term "precluded," what exactly were you referring to?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, Senator Smith, what I'm saying is there are individuals that build these plants. They will come into Nebraska and they will work with the board or whoever the consortium is that builds these plants and they help secure financing. They help secure permitting. They help secure the ground. And then what they do is they say, oh, by the way, I've got my own workers, not from Nebraska, that will build the thing. Well, okay, go ahead and build it. And what I'm suggesting and maybe "preclude" was an improper word, but what I